

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A harness for a quadruped animal including:
a chest strap which in use of the harness lies across the chest of the animal in front of the forelegs;
a trunk loop to which each end of the chest strap is attached and which in use of the harness passes around the trunk of the animal behind the forelegs; and
an attachment for a leading strap, the attachment being slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 in which the attachment for a leading strap is a ring through which the chest strap passes.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2 further comprising a stabilising link one end of which is mounted on the chest strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached in use of the harness to a collar around the neck of the animal.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 3 in which the stabilising link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 4 in which the attachment for a leading strap and the stabilising link are connected so as to be able to move together along the chest strap.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 3 ~~3, 4 or 5~~ in which the stabilising link is attached to a cinch

through which a loop of the chest strap passes.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 6 in which the attachment for a leading strap is mounted on the said loop of the chest strap whereby the cinch is retained on the chest strap.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 in which the trunk loop comprises a back strap which in use of the harness lies across the back of the animal affixed to a lower strap which in use of the harness passes under the animal behind the forelegs.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A The harness cording to claim 8 in which the back strap is pivotably affixed to the lower strap

Claim 10 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 8 ~~or~~ 9 in which a second attachment for a leading strap is provided on the back strap.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 8 ~~8, 9 or 10~~ in which the ends of the chest strap are pivotably attached to the trunk loop where the back strap meets the lower strap.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 8 ~~8, 9, 10 or 11~~ in which the trunk loop includes a clasp by which it can be opened to in use of the harness allow the harness to be placed on or removed from an animal.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ in which the length of at least one strap or loop is adjustable.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ for a dog.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ in which the attachment on the chest strap for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the chest strap.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ in which the second attachment for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the back strap.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A The harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ in which the chest strap is of a polyester webbing.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A The method of controlling a dog or other quadruped animal comprising:

placing a harness according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ on the animal; and
attaching a leading strap to the or each attachment for a leading strap.